

Coming shortly

- 30th November 11 am Pre-loved Advent sale -Weobley Parish Church
- 30th November 10.30 - 12.30 pm Angel Festival and Coffee Morning, Staunton-on-Wye Village Hall
- 1st December 4 pm Taize Service Weobley Parish Church
- 7th December 10.30-1.30 pm - Annual Christmas Fayre, St John the Baptist, Letton.
- 8th December 3 pm Toy Service - Norton Canon
- 14th December 12-30 -4 pm Christmas Fayre - Norton Canon

The Living Word People&Steeple during the week for the *following* insert gives Bible readings with Sunday. Extra copies with *this* commentary to read and think about *Sunday's readings* are by the door.

Staunton & Weobley Group ministry & team

Weekday Services

26th November 10.30

Healing Service and Holy Communion (to be held at the home of Anne Lawrence, Glebe House, next to the Rectory).

Sunday Services next week

1st December

10.30 am Weobley

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30 Letton

Holy Communion (BCP)

16.00 Weobley

Advent Taize Service

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People & Steeple

News and contacts for the Weobley & Staunton Group of Parishes
Weobley, Sarnesfield, Norton Canon,

Staunton-on-Wye, Byford, Monnington, Letton

Sunday 24th November 2019

Christ the King is a fairly new feast. It's part of a XXc trend to play down God's wrath and emphasizing his glorious joys — just as modern Advent is more about getting ready for Christmas, when it used to be more about getting ready for death.

Good things come with the new emphasis. There were good things about the old emphasis too. Today was "Stir-up Sunday" so-called because of the Prayer Book collect. Dark nights and bad weather weren't the only things to be escaped from. We are sinners and we are mortal. People thought the two things were connected.

We don't like to talk about dying and death, but as Christians we must. Our faith rests upon three tremendous claims : God's Son was born as one of us, he died as one of us, he was raised from the dead. Life and death are serious matters, but we need not fear them. Jesus was crucified, Jesus is risen, Jesus reigns in glory.

Getting ready for death and judgement is something we can therefore approach with confidence, even with eagerness. Our King and Judge is on our side. He knows what birth, life and death are like. Hallelujah.

Canon Dr John Thewlis

Theme: Jesus, the Lord our righteousness.

Jeremiah 23:1-6

This shepherd will impart His righteousness to His people. A corrupted lineage ends but a new branch of David's root will appear.

Colossians 1:11-20

Jesus is first, foremost – and our freedom bringer. The Son of God is the complete image and fullness of God.

Luke 23:33-43

Jesus is the Saviour to whom anyone can turn for salvation. A criminal on a cross turns and trusts Jesus for eternal life.

Services Sunday 24th November

Weobley 10.30

Holy Communion BCP

Sarnesfield 09.00

Holy Communion

Staunton-on-Wye 10.30

Eucharist CW

Byford 17.00 Evensong

BCP: Book of Common Prayer,
traditional form CW: Common
Worship, modern words

Prayer focus

For healing

Jan Griffiths (Weobley)

David Games

Harry Williams and his family

For God's comfort in Bereavement

Family and friends of Chris Greenway (Letton)

If you know of anyone who is unwell, please let the Administrator or any of the clergy know.

In our group of parishes

The Weobley and Staunton Group of Parishes serves a rural community and we give thanks for all involved in agriculture, we pray for them, and seek ways to support them.

The Parish of Monnington, the Churchwarden Ray Phillips and all the church community.

Church Treasurers

Diocese of Hereford

Bridgnorth

Our Rural Dean Guy Wilkinson and all those who serve on the Kington and Weobley Deanery Synod.

The Anglican church worldwide

Pray for the Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury)

The wider Church

All other churches in Herefordshire and nationally and across the world who share with us to proclaim God's love to the world.

The Collect

24 November - Sunday next before Advent Christ the King

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ
ascended to the throne of
heaven
that he might rule over all things
as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of
the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created
order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

News



St. John the Baptist Church, Letton

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th, 2019

10.30am - 1.30pm

Gifts, cakes, games, raffle, vegetables, bric a brac, books and seasonal refreshments.

Raffle drawn - 1pm £50 first prize. Visit our historic church - open daily..

Advent Pre-loved Sale 30th November **11-3 pm Weobley Parish Church**

An opportunity to have a pre-Christmas clear out and donate items to help raise funds for our beautiful parish church and St Peter's Overnight Shelter in Hereford.

Pictures, antiques, glassware, furniture, ornaments wanted—all in good saleable condition please. Delicious soup and rolls, mulled wine, mince pies plus good conversation guaranteed!

Please contact Gill on 318320, Liz on 318522 or Juliet on 318206 to arrange drop-off.



St Mary's Church, Staunton-on-Wye

Angel Festival and Coffee Morning
Saturday 30th November
10.30-12.30 pm

Staunton-on-Wye Village Hall

Everyone Welcome

Christmas Choir

Ladies and Gentlemen Singers from the Benefice, we are putting together a choir for the Christmas Carol Services, and would warmly welcome you all to our practices which take place on *Fridays 7 pm at Weobley Church.*

SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER 4pm
Taize Service for Advent Sunday
at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Weobley.

This service is an ecumenical service of music and prayer drawn from a christian community of brothers from many different countries, who live and worship together in Taize, France. The service reflects the unique but simple meditative singing which is easy to follow. The quiet, candlelit atmosphere lends itself to prayer and silence. All are very welcome.



NORTON CANON TOY SERVICE

Come and celebrate our Patron Saint's special day - **3.00 pm Sunday 8th December** – followed by tea, coffee, squash and biscuits. Donations of new toys will be accepted during the service and passed on to the Hereford Women's Refuge to brighten a distressed child's Christmas – children and families especially welcome.

Children are invited to bring along their favourite toy to be blessed during the service (quiet toys please) .